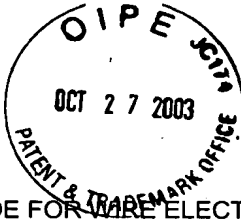


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 Application No. 10/088,674  
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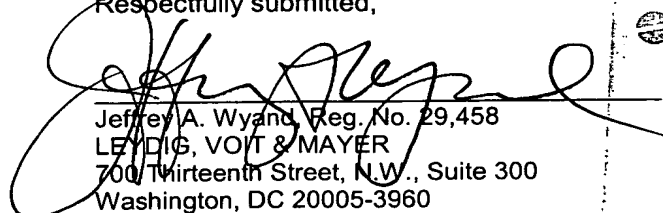
Sir:

- ☐ Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- ☐ Other:
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|  |   |       |                                    |                      | SMALL ENTITY |                  | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY |                  |
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| TIME EXTENSION PETITION FEE                          |   | none  |                                    |                      | \$ 0.00      |                  | \$ 0.00                   |                  |
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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